

The Yellow-billed Tropic Bird near Phoenix, Arizona. — In April, 1905, a specimen of the Yellow-billed Tropic Bird (*Phaethon americanus*) was taken alive near Phoenix, Arizona. The bird had dropped in a field from utter exhaustion. The bird, or birds, for there might have been more of them, probably came up by way of the Gulf of California, thence following the Gila River, became bewildered and lost. — GEO. F. BRENINGER, *Phoenix, Arizona*.

Fregata aquila at San Pablo Bay, California. — A specimen of this southern species was shot, June 20, 1905, by P. J. Walsh at Black Point, Marin Co., at the mouth of Petaluma Creek, a tributary of San Pablo Bay. The bird, an immature male, was taken to a local taxidermist where I had the pleasure of examining it. — EDWARD WINSLOW GIFFORD, *California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Cal.*

Brant's Nest. — Last April I bought a set of four Brant's (*Branta bernicla leucogastra*) eggs with the nest of Mr. J. S. Warmbath of Washington, D. C. As this is one of the first nests of this bird found, it may be of interest to record it.

Mr. Warmbath accompanied Lieut. Peary's supply ship to Cape Sabine, Ellesmere Land, leaving July, 1899, and returning in October, 1901.

The nest was found, June 17, 1900, on a ledge of rock, 20 feet from the ground among Eider Ducks' and Glaucous Gulls' nests. Both birds were shot.

Mr. Warmbath says: "The Brant's eggs were not incubated, but quite fresh, as I had the pleasure of eating the contents when blown. It was the first taste of any kind of eggs I had had for about twelve months."

The female was shot on a slight elevation above the nest and the male in the water near it. On the same island Eider Ducks and Glaucous Gulls were nesting.

All the islands and the mainland of Buchanan Bay were visited that season, but no other Brant's nest was found. The next year Mr. Warmbath shot several specimens, but found no more eggs.

He has one egg which he secured in Greenland in 1901 and knows of two more secured by Eskimos the same season in Greenland which were turned over to Lieut. Peary.

The eggs are dull creamy white and smaller than the eggs of the Black Brant (*Branta nigricans*). The measurements are as follows: 2.40 inches \times 1.60, 2.30 \times 1.75, 2.30 \times 1.65, 2.40 \times 1.70 inches. — JOHN E. THAYER, *Lancaster, Mass.*

A Brood of Albino Spoonbill Ducks (*Spatula clypeata*). — I am much indebted to Mr. Alex. Calder, taxidermist, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, for a most striking photograph of three mounted Spoonbill Ducks, as white as the driven snow. The most interesting feature is that they all belonged to the same brood. Mr. Calder writes under date of June 16, 1905: "They